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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE ISSUE AT COMMONWEALTH MEETING

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1. BISHOP MUZOREWA IN A SHORT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ON ARRIVAL LAST NIGHT SAID "THE ZIMBABWE SITUATION IS NOT SOLVED. IT HAS COME TO THE POINT WHERE THE POT HAS BOILED ENOUGH. IF A SERIOUS EFFORT IS MADE IT WILL ENABLE US TO BRING SMITH TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE WITH SOME SERIOUSNESS".

2. JAMAICA'S PROPOSAL THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE TODAY HAS RUN INTO SOME OPPOSITION. SEVERAL COMMONWEALTH LEADERS ARE CONCERNED BY THE PRECEDENT THAT WOULD BE SET AND WOULD PREFER THAT THE BISHOP APPROACH

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EACH DELEGATION INDIVIDUALLY RATHER THAN ADDRESS A FULL

SESSION OF THE MEETING AS THE PROCEEDINGS ARE CONFINED
TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT

3. ACCORDING TO A DAILY NEWS STORY A MEETING LATE LAST
NIGHT BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTERS MSAANGA OF ZAMBIA,
MALACELA OF TANZANIA AND CALLAGHAN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM,
TO DISCUSS THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION, ENDED WITH NO
MORE THAN AN UNDERTAKING THAT A BRITISH MINISTER WILL VISIT
THE AREA AGAIN AND TALK WITH THE POLITICAL LEADERS DIRECTLY
INVOLVED.

4. THE DAILY NEWS STORY CONTINUES, "THIS HAS NOT BEEN MET
WITH ENTHUSIASM BY THE AFRICAN OFFICIALS, ON THE GROUND THAT
PREVIOUS EFFORTS LIKE THESE HAVE NOT TAKEN THE ZIMBABWE
PROBLEM ANY CLOSER TO SOLUTION, AND CONSEQUENTLY, THE
SOUTHERN AFRICAN DELEGATES AT THE CONFERENCE ARE LAYING
GREAT STORE BY WHAT BISHOP MUZOREWA WILL SAY TODAY".

5. WHETHER BISHOP MUZOREWA ADDRESSES THE MEETING OR
INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS, HIS APPEAL IS EXPECTED TO BE FOR
INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO AID MOZAMBIQUE IN TIGHTENING THE
ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AGAINST RHODESIA. THE AID WOULD BE TO
OFFSET THE SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE THAT MOZAMBIQUE
WOULD SUFFER IF IT WERE TO PREVENT THE IAN SMITH REGIME
FROM HAVING ACCESS TO THE TWO MAIN INDIAN OCEAN PORTS OF
BEIRA AND LOURENCO MARQUES. THE AID REQUEST WILL BE
FORMALLY PUT TO THE CONFERENCE IN A REPORT TO BE TABLED
BY THE COMMONWEALTH SANCTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY
GUYANA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LONDON, JOHN
CARTER. GERARD

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